

# NEWSLETTER

FOR

**THE MORVILLE GROUP OF PARISHES**

**VILLAGE HALL**



ASTON EYRE



MORVILLE SCHOOL

**PARISH COUNCIL**



ACTON ROUND



**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**FEBRUARY 2025**

## **Thanks to our Advertisers and Volunteers**

At a time when we all have to think about how, where and when we spend our money, I would like to thank our advertisers for staying with the newsletter. Please take time to look at all the adverts and use the services offered locally.

If you would like to have a 3-line advertisement, please get in touch (01746 714285) or email [newsletter@morville.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@morville.org.uk)  
It's just £5 for the year and there are spaces available.

There are also spaces available for larger adverts, whether one-off or for a longer period.

The lovely people who choose to remain contributors, helpers and distributors are very much appreciated; you are all important links in the chain of volunteers.

\*\*\*

### **THANK YOU TO:**

Mr and Mrs Harrison of Monkhopton for their kind donation to the newsletter.

the Cooper family for their kind donation in memory of Joyce and Den.

## **A Part-Time (16hrs) Team Administrator is required for the Bridgnorth and Morville Benefice based at the Team Office in Tasley**

The Team Administrator runs a busy office that provides administrative back-up for the nine parishes which comprise the Bridgnorth and Morville Benefice.

The role involves preparing material and notices required for weekly services in the parishes, booking Weddings and Christenings, and liaising with funeral directors and the Priest-in-charge regarding booking funerals and the related fees. Further, it involves dealing with a wide variety of postal matters, phone calls and emails from the parishes, their congregations and members of the public. A monthly Benefice magazine is produced by the office, with parish news and information, and a team website is also updated.

Please contact Rev. Suzan Williams for an application and further information :  
[rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com)

## **Morville Parish Council Meeting 13.1.2025**

Janet Cobb was with us for half-an-hour before the official meeting started. We benefited from her expert advice during an informal discussion about possible biodiversity projects, one involving our small area of the Shropshire Landscape Trust (SLT), formally the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and the other on the Restoring Shropshire Verges Project (RSVP).

During the official meeting, we agreed to look into possible grant funding for a SLT project and voted to fund a suitable RSVP project along part of our stretch of the A458. Cllrs Moxon-Jones and Yuille will be reporting back at our March meeting with proposals.

Cllr BriggsThomas proposed changes to the Annual Parish Meeting in May, aimed at increasing the opportunity for parishioners to access information, in a welcoming and friendly environment, and providing a chance to bring the local community together to make suggestions and exchange views on any issues that seem good to them. It was unanimously agreed that she should lead a working party to organise the event along these lines.

Cllr Yuille up-dated the meeting on the promising progress being made in the campaign to install Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and white gates in Morville Village. It was agreed that a further meeting with the MP and the PCC was required to discuss funding and the proposal to action the installation of the SIDs and white gates.

The draft budget for 2025/26 was discussed – it was agreed to adopt a deficit budget, and use some of our reserve funds to make up any deficit. We are advised that we should add a small sum to cover inflation, but the precept is essentially for the same amount as the last two years. The parish precept requirement has been submitted to Shropshire Council.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## W I News

Our December meeting each year is replaced by our Christmas party and all was planned for the event to take place on the night of Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> December at Bridgnorth Golf Club.

The weekend before, storm Darragh struck and a tree came down on Stanley Lane. This took out the power, telephone lines and internet cables to the club house and on the Monday morning they did not know when they would be re-connected. The golf club stayed positive and prepared for the best and by lunch time on the Tuesday it was full steam ahead.

What a brilliant night we had - the golf club was beautifully decorated, the food was excellent and plentiful and the staff could not have been more helpful.

We sang Jerusalem, played pass the parcel for the Secret Santa and had a raffle which raised over £500 for our charity this year, Read Easy. Entertainment for the evening saw the committee reciting Timothy Tocher's poem, "Help Wanted" which starts "Santa needs new reindeer, the first bunch has grown old"  
But it was really a night to socialise with friends old and new.

WI has a serious side, from supporting campaigns to hearing informative speakers, to learning new skills, but at Morville WI we also value our social events and this year's Christmas party will be hard to beat.

Next year's programme has been finalised and contains something for everyone. January's meeting on the 8th will be back in the village hall and our speaker is Graham Short "Hands of a Genius"

If you would like to come along and see what we are all about, we are always delighted to welcome visitors. If you can't make that meeting we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm with the exception of July when we have an outing and August when we have our summer break.

For more information we can be contacted by e mail at [morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com) or check us out on Facebook.

## Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

A Happy New Year to you all!

The children came back full of excitement and stories from their Christmas break and seem more than ready for the daily routine of school life once again.

This term the staff are busy preparing for our upcoming Rock Star Maths Day on the 30th January.

The children and staff will be invited to come to school dressed as a rock star. This links to our popular school game Times Tables Rock Stars where the characters dress as rock stars and have to undertake times tables style challenges to unlock their new rock songs and perform in concert.

During the Rock Stars Day in school, the children will be undertaking a range of maths activities and games linked to the recall facts children need to learn in each year group in maths. The aim of our day is to promote maths, the enjoyment of maths and the importance of times tables.

Furthermore, in keeping with the title of the day, there will be a music element: a rock element. Each class will be learning a Number Rock Song to perform on the day in a shared school singing session.

Maybe if you are driving past the school on this day, you will hear the staff and children 'rocking out'!

**In Chestnut Tree Class** the children have started their topic of 'Dangerous Deserts'. They will be learning about what deserts are and their features as well as how desert formations such as sand dunes, salt flats and pillars are formed. The children will use maps to locate major deserts around the world before exploring how humans face the challenges of living in desert environments. Finally, children will begin to learn about the effects of desertification and how this can be tackled.

**In Birch Tree Class** the children have started their topic of 'Walk like an Egyptian' where they will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Focussing on the period between the time of the first pharaoh around 3100 BC to the Roman invasion in 31 BC, when Egypt became part of the Roman Empire. The children will look at the role of scribes and the hierarchy within Egyptian life. The children will even get to explore hieroglyphics and learn how to write their own name using this technique of writing. To finish their topic, the children will look at mummification and may even try to mummify a tomato.

**In Oak Tree Class** the children have started the school year with their topic ‘Sensational Safari.’ The children will begin by looking at the continents and oceans of the world before identifying Africa and Kenya on a world map. They will learn about Kenya’s wet and dry seasons and compare Kenya’s climate to the UK climate. The children will identify a variety of animals that live in Kenya and look at how the environment helps them to survive. They will then explore different land features of Kenya, such as savannahs, valleys, mountains and beaches before finding out about the Maasai tribe.

Lots of exciting things ahead and we can’t wait to share more with you next month.  
Miss Docherty

### **Excerpt from Caring for God’s Acre**

Lichens are fantastic at surviving where other life cannot. Provided there is enough light and moisture lichens are able to grow on bare stone, not needing cracks or soil to root into. Some lichens grow very slowly, perhaps half a millimetre per year whilst others grow more quickly. Many lichens are long-lived so the lichen you see in a churchyard may be almost as old as the wall or gravestone it is growing on. Astonishingly there are over 2,000 different lichen species and it is not unusual for a single churchyard to contain more than 100 different types.

Churchyards are particularly rich in lichens as they contain so many old stones with a variety of types; limestone, sandstone, granite to name a few. Some stones are smooth, others rough and they may have differing amounts of shade, wind and moisture depending on where they are within the churchyard, which side of the monument the lichen is on, whether they are vertical, leaning or flat. The carving of the inscription itself provides microclimates with different amounts of light and moisture within the lettering. All of these changes in conditions will suit different lichen species. They are also found on trees, wooden fences and gates, grassy areas, pathways and even dustbin lids!

Most lichens offer protection to the surface they grow on and it may be easier to read lettering which is lichen-covered rather than bare, eroding stone. They do not need much care but do avoid the use of any chemicals near to lichens and definitely don’t try and remove them. Lichens can die if shaded out so try and keep ivy or other climbers from encroaching over them too.

If you have never taken a closer look at a lichen then why not take a hand-lens or magnifying glass and give it a go. Lichen colonies have been described as minute, self-maintaining gardens, providing a natural cladding for the stone. They are beautiful and endlessly fascinating and if you like a challenge, why not look up the British Lichen Society website and find out more about how to identify them.  
Harriet Carty

## **Letter from The Right Reverend Dr. David Thomson**

The New Year is underway, and I am standing in for Bishop Richard while he is on sabbatical. He has given us themes for recent years: Prayer, Faith, and now it's Engagement – with Celebration to come! There's a lovely sense of flow between them, I think. Let me say what I mean...

Our church is rooted in Christ, and our relationship with him in prayer is where it all begins. Without the roots, nothing else will grow. St John loves to use the word "Abiding" for this relationship – one of peace and permanence, of being where we belong. "Abide in me as I abide in you." (John 15.4) When we find our place, we find our peace and become people of peace. We are seeing a global increase in anxiety, and "We are Farming Minds" has shown how that is true locally, too. If we can be people of peace and offer places of peace, we can make a difference in real, local lives.

Out of the roots of prayer come shoots of faith: "I am the vine; you are the branches." (John 15.5) As we abide in Christ, so we come to trust him more as the well-spring of our life. We seek security in all sorts of things, some good, some less so; but also realise that what they offer is limited and sometimes deceptive. I sensed this Christmas afresh how fundamental the Christmas presence of Christ was compared with any of the presents life can bring, right here, in a broken world of lost homes and lives. I have friends on my heart for whom Christmas brought bad news not good, and my longing for them is that they will know Christ's presence in their predicaments.

Then, the shoots of faith lead to the fruits of engagement, as lives are touched and changed for the better. "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." (John 15.5) It may well be that the need to find peace and solace in a disastrous world first draws us to the church. But as Christ grows in us and we in him, we realise that the church is not an escape craft from the world but a landing craft into it. God's great desire is that the whole world should be saved. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3,16) And that is worth a Year of Engagement in God's mission with the world around us now, and a Year of Celebration when it comes!

## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

### MORVILLE

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP) with refreshments
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion (SW) with refreshments

### ASTON EYRE

Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (SW )

### MONKHOPTON

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
-----	-----------------	---------	----------------------

### ACTON ROUND

Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
-----	-----------------	---------	----------------------

### Morville Readers and Readings for February

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hebrews 2: 14-end (Alison Foxall)	Luke 2: 22-40 (Helen Smith)
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (Louise Shropshire)	Luke 5: 1-11 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 (Tim Morris)	Luke 6: 17-26 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> Revelation 4 (Hilary Evans)	Luke 8:22-25 (Mike Skinner)

### Readings for Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2

Luke 9: 28 - 36



PRIEST IN CHARGE

Rev'd Suzan Williams rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com 01746 599528  
ORGANIST MRS ALISON FOXALL 01746 761820  
BELL TOWER CAPTAIN MR IAN ROWE 01746 714357  
BRIDGNORTH TEAM SECRETARY 01746 767174

CHURCH WARDENS

P.C.C. SECRETARIES

MORVILLE

MRS J BRICK  
MR T MORRIS

MRS H SMITH

MONKHOPTON

MR T FELLOWS  
MR E PUGH

ACTON ROUND

MR T KENNEDY  
MRS B CHAPPUIS

MRS J MADELEY

ASTON EYRE

MR D JENKINS

MRS M BROWNING

MORVILLE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXEC. HEAD TEACHER MRS CLAIRE GASKIN 01746 714219

MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

SECRETARY ELAINE CRISP 01746 714516

BOOKINGS [morvillevillagehall@gmail.co.uk](mailto:morvillevillagehall@gmail.co.uk) 07793 156645

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO MORVILLE P C SARAH SKURR 07851 677084

MORVILLE W I (SEC) MRS BEVERLY DOGGETT 01746 714322

**POLICE** ring 999 (emergency) or 101 (non urgent)  
**CRIMESTOPPERS** 0800 555 111

All views represent the opinion of the authors and the information contained in the Newsletter is provided purely for information purposes and is provided "as is" without warranty either expressed or implied.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR & ADVERTS MRS C SKINNER Tel: 01746 714285**

**COPY FOR THE NEWSLETTER MAY BE SENT TO THE EDITOR:**

**e-mail Carol Skinner at [Newsletter@Morville.org.uk](mailto:Newsletter@Morville.org.uk)**

**BEFORE 25<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH**

or by post to: PARK GRANGE, MORVILLE, BRIDGNORTH, WV16 4RN

**Anne's Household Cleaning Services**  
Let me take care of your household chores  
Regular or one-off clean when you need a helping hand  
Ironing service available, collection and delivery  
**01746 714156**

\*\*\*

**SPACES  
AVAILABLE  
FOR  
NEW  
ADVERTISING**

**Contact Carol** **01746 714285**  
email [newsletter@morville.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@morville.org.uk)

\*\*\*

### **To a Snowdrop**

Lone Flower, hemmed in with snows and white as they  
But hardier far, once more I see thee bend  
Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend,  
Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day,  
Storms, sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay  
The rising sun, and on the plains descend;  
Yet art thou welcome, welcome as a friend  
Whose zeal outruns his promise! Blue-eyed May  
Shall soon behold this border thickly set  
With bright jonquils, their odours lavishing  
On the soft west-wind and his frolic peers;  
Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,  
Chaste Snowdrop, venturesome harbinger of Spring,  
And pensive monitor of fleeting years!

William Wordsworth

Chimney Sweep & Service  
07805643422 (Richard)  
[www.stantonsweeps.com](http://www.stantonsweeps.com)

RICHARD WAIN  
PAINTER & DECORATOR  
01746 789372

RIDGE FUELS LTD Coal, Logs & Gas Bottles  
ALL FUELS INC SMOKELESS. FREE  
DELIVERY 01743 241122 [www.ridgefuels.co.uk](http://www.ridgefuels.co.uk)

LUXURY, SIZE- INCLUSIVE BRIDALWEAR  
1-2-1 PRIVATE APPTS 07815550330  
[bridesview@outlook.com](mailto:bridesview@outlook.com)

TIM F VAUGHAN, NEW & USED  
AGRIC. MACHINERY BOUGHT & SOLD  
01746 714221 or 07966 219755

PEST CONTROL. JOHN SEDGWICK  
MOLES+ OTHER RURAL PESTS  
01746 716451 or 07971 694005

ANDY'S GARDENING SERVICES  
GENERAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE  
FENCING, MOWING 01746 714081

MOWER MEC  
SALES-SERVICE-PARTS-REPAIRS  
BRIDGNORTH 01746 761731

R. Cooper, Bridgnorth. 07864853282  
Brickwork, Building, Property Maintenance,  
Fibreglass flat roofing, Traditional Roofing

NORTHWOOD & SONS Funeral Directors  
Pre-paid Plans [info@northwoodfunerals.co.uk](mailto:info@northwoodfunerals.co.uk)  
Andrew Woodhouse 01952 727248

PUGH'S FEEDS FOR MASSEY BROS  
BULK& BAGGED FEED for CATTLE, SHEEP,  
PIGS, POULTRY & GAME 01746 789403

BRIGGSTHOMAS ENGINEERING LTD  
Agri Repairs, Machinery & Trailer Sales  
01746712217 / 07868440423

DRY LOGS DELIVERED LOCALLY  
RAYMOND BASON, TEL. 01746 785009  
and 07773552457

GILL HOWARD  
Contemporary Silver Jewellery  
[www.gillhoward.com](http://www.gillhoward.com)

NFU Mutual Bridgnorth Agency  
Motor, Home, Business, Farm, Equine  
Annual Travel, Life Insurance. 01746 763198

Jake Broster Valeting  
Professional Valeting & Detailing  
Contact: 07534367683

TELE - SATT AERIALS LTD  
Chris Burroughs 01746 767381  
07988 539200

GOLDEN HANDS DOMESTIC CLEANING  
SERVICE / IRONING / CARE  
01746 714114 or 07875 555940

MUCKLEY FARM STORAGE, FOR ALL  
YOUR STORAGE NEEDS. LIGHT TRANSIT  
REMOVAL VAN AVAILABLE 01746 714114

MEAT AT KEITH'S (ALDERSON)  
12 SYDNEY COTTAGE DRIVE  
BRIDGNORTH 01746 766112

BEAUTY BENEFITS  
THE ART OF LOOKING GOOD  
BRIDGNORTH 01746 768035

MAWS GALLERY  
PROFESSIONAL PICTURE FRAMERS  
01952 588855 [www.maws-gallery.co.uk](http://www.maws-gallery.co.uk)

CARAVAN STORAGE at Weston  
Indoors & Secure 07932163402  
[leslevandyke@gmail.com](mailto:leslevandyke@gmail.com) 01746 785630

ASJ PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES  
Gas, Oil & LPG  
Andy Jennings 07710 793683

PETER FOLLETTE  
PAINTER & DECORATOR  
01746 761843 & 07889 750532

GARDEN MACHINERY; SERVICE &  
REPAIRS. BRIDGNORTH & DISTRICT  
PHIL ELLIS TEL. 07752 137251

BROWNS PLANT HIRE & GROUNDWORKS  
[browns.westfarm@gmail.com](mailto:browns.westfarm@gmail.com)  
or 07949 126516

MARTIN REIDY 01746 785313 / 07815567877  
e-mail [mortmartreidy@gmail.com](mailto:mortmartreidy@gmail.com) KITCHENS  
BATHROOMS AND BUILDING WORK

EMPIRE PLUMBING, GAS & OIL SERVICES  
L.P.G. & HETAS STOVE INSTALLER  
PAUL GAMSTON 07833101269

M J S WINDOW CLEANING  
01746 767188 Mobile 07795594598  
ALL AREAS COVERED

FRENCH TUITION  
EXPERIENCED TEACHER GCSE, A LEVEL  
Sarah Brentnall 07968624443

The Petal Passion Flower Farm  
Beacon Hill 07799893300  
Seasonal & Sustainable Cut Flowers

GRASS-CUTTING, HEDGING  
AND PRUNING  
CALL 01746 714251